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INDIANS IN 36TH SCARED GERMANS

Red Men 'Show Up' Crack Soldiers of Kaiser's Army in Thrilling Battle at Front

The following is an account of the activities of the Indians on the battle front, taken from the Stars and Stripes, a publication published by the American soldiers back of the trenches. The article was sent to Mr. T. C. Bridges by his son, Corp. John Bridges.

It was the Prussian Guard against the American Indian on the morning of October 8 in the hills of Champagne. When it was all over, after the wire protected slopes had been trampled as though they were no more than bramble patches of thorny and leafless berry bushes, and there were no more German gunners left in the earth banked machine gun nests, the Prussian Guards were farther on their way back toward the Aisne, and going fast, and warriors of 13 Indian tribes looked down on the town of St. Etienne.

The Indians, one company of them, were fighting with the 36th division, made up of Texas and Oklahoma rangers and oil men, for the most part, and with the French this division was pushing away forever the German menace to Rheims.

"The Millionaire Company" was the title that had followed the Indians from Camp Bowie, Texas, and there followed them also a legendry of \$1,000 checks cashed by Indian buck privates, of buck privates who used to spend their hours on pass in 12-cylinder motor cars, of a company football team that was full of Carlisle stars and had won a camp championship.

It was a company with a roll of names that was the despair of the regimental paymaster, who never could keep track of Big Bear, Rainbow Blanket, Bacon Rind, Hoheman-atubbe and the 246 other original dialect pronounciations or literal translations. In the company were Creeks and Sioux, Seminoles, Apaches, Wyandottes, Choctaws, Iroquois and Mohawks, all the old Jame Fenimore Cooper favorites.

Collectively they owned many square miles of the richest oil and mineral lands of Oklahoma, and back home there were thousand of dollars in royalties piling up every day for the buying of Liberty Bonds.

It was a genuine surprise for the Prussian Guard when they found themselves facing this species of American fighter. Intelligence summaries failed to tell anything about them—but they were certain Guards who remembered that American Redskins in past wars had been chiefly distinguished by scalping the enemy and wearing paint on their faces.

So it happened that when the end of the fight was nearing, Prussian Guards could be seen running over the hill tops, casting away their rifles, knapsacks, canteens—sacrificing everything for speed.

The Indians had as their first task the reduction of a group of machine gun nests on a slope. They came out of a forest in true woodman style and dodged into shell holes that looked up to where the enemy was entrenched. Then they reverted to typical Indian tactics, showing almost utter contempt for the enemy's machine gun fire, lifting their heads above the rims of the shell holes, intent only on one thing—searching with their keen eyes for the exact points from which the enemy was firing.

Having sighted those points, they slung their rifles over the top of the holes and fired deliberately and as coolly as if they were shooting at deer. Usually, a machine gun ceased to fire a few moments after the Indians had concentrated on it.

One German sniper proved annoying to the Indians. He had dug in far in front of the machine gun nest, and from the protection of a fallen tree, fired with German regularity. Finally, a tall Sioux's imagination became fixated with the idea of capturing this German, and he jumped out of a shell hole in plain view of a

KAISER IS BURIED BY DECATUR BAND

Ward's Musicians Celebrate the Peace News By Staging A Funeral of Emperor

Somewhere in France, Nov. 11, 1918.—To the Messenger, Decatur Texas. I am enclosing report of funeral held here this morning of the "Kaiser" whom we buried in grand style:—

On Nov. 11 at 11 a. m. in a little city of France where the 142 regiment is stationed, word was received that the war was over and the Kaiser was lost. The 142 who grieves over the loss of Poor Wilhelm, immediately made arrangements for his funeral. A stretcher from the medical corps was handy, so we stuffed up a William and put him on the stretcher with a German helmet. The 142 band lined up and began playing Chapaus Funeral march. Following the band was Meech, Gus Hudson, who acted the part of master of ceremonies. Close behind was the stretcher on which lay the Kaiser and floating banners bearing these words, "Lost William," "William the Lost," "Got Be Me," "Him." Following the "corpse" marched the merry "fighting bunch" shouting at the top of their voices. In a few moments a great crowd of little French boys and girls joined the march shouting and merrily dancing along down to the river, into which we solemnly threw the body. While it was sinking the band played Dixie and the Old Grey Mare, two of our well known rally pieces.

This finishing the funeral, the little march proceeded back to the main street, where the band rendered an hour's concert of both popular and classical music. It would seem to be nothing but just to say that the town is full of smiles and sunshine and there can be but one day that will compare with this one, and that is when we land back over in the U. S. A. Respectfully, Mus. E. C. VANDERSTRATTON, 142 Inf. Band, A. P. O. 796, American Ex. Forces.

score of German machine gun men and raced up toward the sniper.

The sniper tried one shot at him, then realized he was going to have to reckon with the Indian hand to hand. So he tried to escape by running. The Indian was close behind him, yelling and whooping with his bayonet fixed. The German headed for his comrades behind the wire.

But the other Guards, having had a good chance to look the Indian over, decided they didn't want to take any chances on the Indian's getting among them, so they opened fire on pursued as well as pursuer. To escape his own fire, the German turned aside and raced down the line with the Indian following him. For five minutes the chase lasted, with German guns rattling every time the two men came too close to the German positions. It ended in an old dustout.

In their first few hours of battle the Indians encircled and took almost a dozen strong machine gun positions. They did this in spite of German hell fire. In fact, they used the German shell fire to reduce certain troublesome nests. Having surrounded a particularly strong position, they would advance ahead, so that German artillery observers would take it for granted that all the ground had been lost and would draw in their fire until their own shells would fall on the machine gun nest that was still holding out.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY ARRIVES TO ASSIST PAT.

Thomas Venor Patterson has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson, where he will permanently reside. The youngster has splendid qualifications for a lawyer, possessing much lung power and persistence, states Pat. He carries the names of his grand-daddy, Tom Milligan and daddy, Venor. Here's to you, Thomas Venor!

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MANY TAKE CARE OF THEIR HOMES IN THIS SLIPSHOD WAY. THEY CAN AFFORD TO FIX UP THEIR HOMES, BUT THEY JUST DON'T THINK, OR ELSE THEIR HUSBANDS ARE TOO STINGY.

IF MY HOME WERE NOT FIXED UP RIGHT THROUGH AND THROUGH, I WOULD COMPLAIN TO MY HUSBAND. WOULDN'T YOU? SINCERELY—HELEN.

P. S. I SAW SUCH PRETTY NEW THINGS TODAY AT

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The Woman's Missionary society met Monday, December 2, and the following officers were elected President, Mrs. M. B. Smith; 1st vice president, Mrs. R. E. Collins; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Hubert Long; cor. secretary, Mrs. M. A. Harting; recording secretary, Mrs. J. E. Scott; connectional treasurer, Mrs. Beaumgaertner; local treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Thompson; supt. mission study, Mrs. W. S. Gilbert; supt. local service, Mrs. T. J. Elder; chairwoman local work, Mrs. J. H. Cates; Missionary Voice, Mrs. S. Hoyl.

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Letters From France

CORPORAL JOHN C. BRIDGES
WRITES TO HIS HOMEFOLKS.

Somewhere in France,
Nov. 12, 1918.

Dear Homefolks:—

Mama's letter of 15 and papa's and mama's letters of 18 were received this afternoon, which you know were received with much pleasure and was glad to hear that all except sister were well, but it grieves me very much to know that sister has been very ill and that I am so far away with no chance to see her. I only hope that she will have recovered ere these two messages have reached me and by the time you have received this she is in the best of health and again in school.

No doubt, yesterday was the day to experience greater joy than any other day is all the history of the world, when fathers and mothers can again hope that their son and loved ones will no more have to face death and shell; that they will not have to see their comrades pass away from this world on the battlefield of strife; that peace again is upon the world.

Although, there are many mother's sons bade their loved one good-bye, with a smile upon their faces that will never return, but those mothers should be proud that they could give theirs, that Love, Honor and Justice should again reign in this world and they should rejoice with those that are fortunate enough for their sons to return.

There was much celebration in France and I would have loved very much to have seen the celebration in the states.

I had the pleasure of reading the terms of the armistice within six hours after the terms were signed in Paris. No doubt, you have seen the terms of it in the papers ere this has reached you. They were hard but just, and what is sown shall also be reaped.

I had the pleasure of reading the congratulations of the government of the governors of Texas and Oklahoma sent by the Star-Telegram by wire to this division.

Although, the men had to meet soldiers of much experience they proved themselves equal to the occasion and made for themselves a place in history.

I am still in the very best of health and have plenty of work, as there are two officers and three of us enlisted men doing the work of five officers and nine enlisted men. I not only have plenty of work to do but have to see that all of the other work is accomplished, so you see I have no time for play. In fact, the days should be about twelve hours longer, for time flies, although, it is as ages since I bade farewell to my loved ones.

Tell sister that I hope that she is again well and that I am very glad to hear that she has so many real friends when she needs them, and those in need are those to be valued.

When I write, the letters are for each as though separate letters, for I haven't the time to do otherwise.

May we all be spared to again meet and greet each other is my daily and earnest hope. With love and thoughts of all, good-night for it is long since bed time. Your son,

CORP. JOHN C. BRIDGES,
Headquarters Motor Transport
Corps, A. P. O. 796, A. E. F.

PUG COLEMAN WRITES THE
MESSENGER FROM FRANCE.

France, November 10.—To the Messenger: Well, I have just got through reading the dear old Messenger, and all the news from my old home town, and how good it makes me feel to get this home paper way over here.

There is so much noise in here that I can hardly write. Some good news of some kind has just come in. I don't know if it is war news, or if some Frechie has opened a new keg of wine. If it is a new keg, expect I had better get in on it, as I don't want to miss anything.

Well, I have seen some of the real stuff. One isn't satisfied over here till he can get into the real part of it. Gee, you sure feel funny when one of the big ones blows high B flat right over your head and bursts just a little ways from where you are sleeping. Sometimes you wonder where your next bed is going to be, but just get down under the cover a little farther and wait for the next tune to play. Maybe sometimes it makes your knees so-shaky that one of them will say to the other, "You hide me this time and I will hide you next time."

But it is funny to go over the ground where the Huns have been before they took to the tall timber, and see the stuff they have thrown away so as to make them lighter on their feet. They surely can run fast, for some of them even ran out of

their boots. You can find German boots everywhere.

I have heard of only one or two cases of flu over here. A boy at the Y was trying to spell the flu, and this is how he did it, "The Spanish Hen-fluendways."

Well, it is getting soupy time; I had better go and get my beans. It is getting dark, and my friends, the cooties, have started their parade, so I have to eat and sharpen up my finger nails. I don't see how the band could get along without them now, as they are such good company.

Well, keep things going until we get back, and we will come up Main street playing, "We're Back and Darn Glad of It." Your friend,
MUS. CLATE COLEMAN,
A. P. O. 796, 142 Inf. Band.

VENIS HAMPTON WRITES TO
COUSIN FROM THE FRONT

France, October 26.—Miss Jewell Moore. Dear Cousin: I am somewhere in France, but I hardly know where myself, except that I could point it out on the map. We have seen a 'good part of France, and I hope to see more of it soon. You should hear me talk French. I have learned to say "Give me," or "I want," so can usually get what I want. Since coming over here had English, French and Belgium money, and sure had a time learning to make change. I would give a Frenchman a note and he would give me back a handful of coins, all shapes and sizes, but they don't ring like the good old American dollar.

We are stationed in a small village; no railroad or anything. The people are very kind to us. At first they gave us all the wine we could drink, but they are not so liberal now; but we can buy all we want at 40c a quart. Wine is the only thing that is cheap. Everything else is so high you can hardly afford it; 46c for a 5c bar of soap. About all they raise here is grapes, and they all have small gardens. The climate is very good except that it rains too often to suit me. It is not cold here. In this part the winter is not so bad.

What do you think of the war now? We have the Huns on the run. I would like to get a swat at one. I read today Wilson's reply to Germany. The boys are with him and want to finish the job right while we are at it.

I have been feeling fine since coming over here. Sometimes get so tired can hardly go another mile, but as long as I can sleep well can stand a lot of that.

Well, this is Saturday afternoon, and I have my washing to do, so will close. With love,

VENIS HAMPTON,
Bat. D, 125 F. A., A. E. F.

FROM FRANK MAGERS

Somewhere in France,
Oct. 27, 1918.

Marvin B. Smith,
Decatur, Texas.

My Dear Friend:—

When I left Decatur one year ago, September 8, 1917, I promised that I would write you a letter. I take this occasion to inform you that I have not forgotten the promise.

As you perhaps remember, I was the first man drawn in the quota for Wise county. I was the first man to pass the examination for military service, first on the list to be sent to the training camp, first to be sent to France from the quota of Wise county, and as luck would have it, I was also first to be sent to the hospital with two badly crippled legs.

I am in the best of health and at present in the quartermaster's corps, having previously served in the artillery service and later in the infantry service.

I am now stationed at the city of Versailles, a suburb of Paris. I have visited Paris and many of the other large cities of France and find them to be very beautiful and also very interesting from their historic importance. I have had the privilege of visiting the palaces and grounds of the former kings of France, and I must say that they are very interesting from every standpoint and remain much the same as when their masters reigned in them. The museum at Paris is one of the most interesting places imaginable and contains objects of rare value and importance.

About two weeks ago I learned that a brother of mine, Roy Magers, was finishing his training in a camp about 250 miles from me. An opportunity came for me to visit him and I jumped at the chance. Roy was in training at Camp Bowie, in the states, and in his camp I found hundreds of our old Texas boys, and many of them were from Wise county, the towns of Alvord and Decatur being well represented. You may imagine how glad I was to meet with my brother and so many of our

friends from old Wise county. It had been ten months since I had seen anyone from my home town, and during that time I had seen but very few soldiers from Texas, as I am with troops from the northern states.

I have received a number of copies of the Messenger in the past few months and I greatly enjoyed reading the local news as well as the letters from the soldier boys in France. Letters and papers from home are very highly appreciated by us boys and it is certainly pleasing to learn how much our loved ones at home are doing for us by contributing so liberally to the Red Cross funds and in pushing the Liberty Loan drives.

The sound of battle greeted my ear for nearly two months since I have been in France, but I have not done very much of anything for the past five months as one of my legs is still weak. All of us are in good spirits and are determined to do our best and the Hun is learning a few things as the result.

Write me a long letter if it is convenient for you to do so. I remain your friend,

FRANK P. MAGERS,
Quartermaster's corps, Garden
service No. 1, A. P. O. 702.

L. P. HARRIS WRITES HIS
PARENTS FROM FRANCE

Near Paris, France,
Nov. 3, 1918.

My Dear Mama and Dad:—

How are you all? I hope you are feeling better than I am. I could not sleep so I got up at 3 o'clock, built a fire in my stove and decided to write you a few lines before I have to cook breakfast. I believe I told you in my other letter that I and four other boys that came over with me are cooking for 33 men. I like my job fine. Mama, when I get home you won't have anything to do, for I have learned to clean house and cook. Well, we have a nice place to stay and have plenty of good things to eat.

O! I have drunk so much goat milk and eaten so much goat cheese that I have learned to "bleat." This is a fine country, but I like the good old U. S. A. much better. Most of the country is in vineyards and there seems to be more wine and beer here than water, but you know I drink neither wine nor beer so that it doesn't bother me. I have been staying in a building that Napoleon built in 1515. There is a church in that place that was built 800 years ago. It is much nicer inside than the churches over there. I could tell you lots but will wait until I get home.

I have been to Paris several times. There are many wonderful things to be seen there. I wish you all could see some of the things I have seen. I would not take anything for what I have seen and learned.

The wagons have just two wheels and shafts. They work from five to seven horses to one wagon, one behind the other, and they sure look funny when there are several strung out at the same time.

I guess you all are hearing lots of good news now. I don't get any news of any kind. I wish I could get a sackful of letters tomorrow.

Say, the first Decatur Messenger you get, please send it to me and the Fort Worth papers, too, for I want to know what is going on.

I wrote to Willie Monday. If I hear from him, I am going to see him.

Well, I have heard much of the pretty French girls, but they don't look good to me like the one I left at home. I guess "cooks" will be the last to leave France, but think we will be there by 4 of July, 1919, so you have me a good dinner cooked and if nothing happens I will be there to help eat it.

With bushels of love to all,
Pri. L. P. HARRIS,
Det. 35 Service Co., Care of Chief
Signal Officers, A. P. O. 702,
A. E. F., France.

CLYDE HALL IN FRANCE
WRITES HOMEFOLKS

Somewhere in France,
Nov. 7, 1918.

Dear Father and Mother:—

I will write you a few lines today as it has been some few days since I wrote you a letter. I am in Base Hospital No. 19, A. P. O. 781. I have been sick with bronchitis acute. But am up and feeling good again. The G. W. boys were all fine and dandy when I left the company. I hope to return to my company in a few days. The Red Cross nurses are sure good to us. The can't be praised too highly. They sure are doing some wonderful work over here. I pray it will not be long till we get the Kaiser and all get to come home. Time sure is passing away fast. Just to think that Xmas will soon be around again. I think we will have a very jolly Xmas. Guess we will celebrate on the Huns. I don't think I will be sick anyway soon again. I have taken enough medi-



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cine to last me ten years while I was in the hospital with Spanish influenza and this attack. Am feeling fine and my wound is perfectly well and sound, as I wrote you all before of being slightly wounded in my arm. So do not be uneasy about me, for I know the Good Lord is answering my prayers.

I think we will get to come home in just as short time, as we have Germany alone to deal with. The last letter I received from my wife, she stated she was sick. Sure hope she is well and still with you all. She stated that she was going to spend Xmas with Sloan and Millie at Blue Grove.

I have written all I know of any interest, so will close and write you all often. With no end of love to you all,
Your Son,

CLYDE H. HALL,
Co. B., 359 Inf., A. E. Forces,
U. S. Base Hospital No. 19,
A. P. O. 781.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION
WILL BE HELD JAN. 11

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the county of Wise, Texas, to be held at Decatur, Bridgeport and Slidell, Jan. 11, 1919, to fill the position of rural carrier at Slidell and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

During the continuance of the present war the Commission will, in accordance with the request of the Post Office Department, admit women to rural carrier examinations upon the same conditions as men.

By direction of the Commission,
JOHN A. M'ILHENNY, Pres.

NOTICE.

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TEACHERS TO MEET HERE DEC. 16-20

Following is the program of the Wise county teachers' institute to be held in Decatur the week of December 16-20.

OFFICERS OF INSTITUTE
Vice President, S. D. Handley.
Secretaries, Misses Exa Caldwell and Ollie Jones.

Resolutions Committee: B. C. Schulkey, chairman, C. B. Breedlove, Miss Zula Stevenson, Mrs. Eli K. Wilkerson, O. T. Bryant.
Program Committee: Wallace Gregg, W. V. Harrison, Mrs. Zena Buckner, Miss Hattie Hutchins, W. A. Green, C. W. Murphree, A. S. Johnson.

Work begins each day at 9 a. m. All teachers who are teaching in the county are required to attend the institute for the full five days.

A number of our local men appear on the program and all others whose names appear have promised to be here. To the teacher desiring a week of good work this program furnishes his opportunity.

The book to be used is "The Science and the Art of Teaching," by D. W. LaDue.

The chairmen of the sections will outline the work so as to give each member of the section something to do.

Come to do a good week's work, and by so doing get ready to do better work the rest of the year.
B. F. ROE,

GENERAL SESSION MONDAY MORNING

9:00—Opening exercises, Rev. G. W. Tyson.
9:15—Welcome address, F. J. Ford.
9:30—Response, C. B. Breedlove.
9:45—Organization.
10:30—Recess.
10:50—Address, to be supplied.
1:15—Address, Prof. Embury Gettys.
2:00—Address, Dr. P. C. Funk.
2:30—Recess.
2:50—The influence of the teacher, Rev. H. J. Matthews.
3:25—The work of the high school in training rural teachers, A. S. Johnson, Supt. Bridgeport schools.

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00—Opening exercises, Rev. J. P. Luton.
9:15—Federal aid in co-operation with the state as an agency in the improvement of rural schools, O. T. Bryant.
10:00—The county agent's plans for 1919, E. T. Kemp.
10:30—Recess.
10:45—Mistakes in methods, W. V. Harrison.
11:15—What the consolidation of the rural schools means to the country pupil and country people, S. D. Handley.
1:15—Address, Dr. F. M. Blodgett of A. & M. College.

High School Department.

B. C. SCHULKEY, Chairman.
2:15—How to interest pupils in history work, Wallace Gregg.
3:10—Portions of science to be emphasized in Wise county schools.
1—Agriculture, O. T. Bryant.
2—Chemistry, J. F. Bailey.
3—Physical geography, J. E. Admire.

Primary Department.

MRS. WALLACE GREGG, Chm.
2:15—Busy work, what and how directed, primary teacher, Alvord.
3:10—Why and how we teach numbers in the first grade, Miss Lucretia Trammell.
Use to first text book in numbers, Gable Stee Carpenter.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:00—Opening exercise, Harlan J. Matthews.
9:15—New schools problems as a result of the war, Rev. J. L. Ward.
10:30—Recess.
10:45—Attacking the rural school and rural life problem through home projects and country life directors, Chas. B. Breedlove.
1:15—School athletics, Prof. J. E. St. Clair of N. T. N.
2:00—The conservation of the children's health, Dr. L. H. Reeves.
2:30—Recess.

High School and Intermediate Department

2:45—The value of organized athletics in the high school, B. C. Schulkey.
3:15—The use of civics and history in training for citizenship, Miss Ollie Jones, A. J. Olliver and A. L. Maddux.

Primary Section

2:45—The advantage of combining the classes to conserve time, Miss Ruth Barnett and Azaline Franklin.
3:15—Story period: 1—Miss Vera Lewis. 2—Picture study in the first and second grades, Miss Zula Stevenson. 3—Third and fourth grades, Miss Anner Atkins.

THURSDAY MORNING

9:00—Opening exercise, Rev. Geo. Boyd, Jr.
9:15—How to direct and shape community interest in school affairs, W. V. Harrison and J. G. Siddons.
10:00—Needed school legislation, Rep. J. W. Walker.
10:30—Recess.
10:45—Address, to be supplied.
11:15—What the normal schools and junior colleges are doing and what they should do for better rural schools and the improvement on

country life, Prof. Hughes of D. B. C.

1:15—School sanitation, Dr. J. J. Ingram.
2:00—Discipline in the schoolroom, P. T. Gribble and Miss Hattie Hutchins.
2:45—Recess.

High School and Intermediate Department

2:45—Teaching literature, Miss Elizabeth Beatty and Mrs. Leo Thomas.
3:15—Mathematics in the grades, Mrs. Zena Buckner, A. M. Pleasant and Wiley Jones.

Primary Department

2:45—Dramatization as an instructive and recreative exercise, Mrs. Rainey Swain and Alena Walker.
3:15—Phonics, how taught in first grade, Mamie Rayborn. Second grade, Miss Rachel Browder. Third grade, Miss Lula Fulton.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:00—Opening exercise, Rev. A. M. Pleasant.
9:15—Address, to be supplied.
10:00—The assistance that can be rendered the county agricultural agent by the teachers, E. T. Kemp, county demonstration agent.
10:30—Recess.
10:45—Extension service for rural teachers, Jason Williamson.
11:15—Community center work, C. W. Murphree.
1:00—Address, Member of state university.
2:00—Progress in rural education, John G. Gose.
2:40—Reports of committees, etc.

WISE COUNTY CHAPTER RED CROSS ELECTS OFFICERS

The following officers have been elected in the Red Cross organization:

S. A. Lillard, Chairman.
Mrs. Lee Morris, 1st Vice Chairman.
Mrs. M. W. Burch, 2d Vice Chairman.
Miss Ada Harding, Secretary.
Mr. Glen Russell, Treasurer.
Mr. John Simmons, Chairman Finance.
Dr. L. H. Reeves, Chairman Extension.
Mr. C. V. Terrell, Chairman Membership.
Miss Elizabeth Paschall, Chairman Publicity.
Mrs. W. E. Terrell, Chairman Nursing Service.
Mrs. C. Milligan, Chairman Home Service.
Mrs. F. M. Tucker, Chairman Production Service.
Mrs. J. H. Cates, Chairman Production.
Mrs. Terrell Lillard, Chairman Conservation.
Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Chairman Junior Work.
Miss Delight Shaffer, Director of Branches and Auxs.

Decatur Branch Officers.

Same as above with these exceptions:
Mrs. W. L. Dallas, Treasurer.
Mrs. D. H. Payne, Chairman Finance.
Mrs. B. B. Sellars, Press Reporter.
Miss Bell Ford, Chairman Membership.
Superintendents of Work.
Knitting, Mrs. W. A. Roberts.
Mrs. A. S. Kenny.
Sewing, Mrs. J. H. Lynch, Mrs. W. L. Dallas.
Inspection, Mrs. Hugh Greer.
Shipping, Mrs. Gus Hughes.
Purchasing, Miss Marie Patterson.
Mailing and Receiving Packages, Miss Bell Ford.

Report of Production by Decatur Branches and Auxs. A. R. C.

Since Red Cross Organized Sept. 1917, Up to Dec. 1, 1918
Hospital garments, or pieces, 11,202.
Knitting, 1518.
New refugee garments for Belgium, 419.
Baby garments for Belgium, 750.
Surgical dressings, 21,930.
Total pieces made, 35,820.
Comfort and quilts for Camp Bowie, 266.
Thousands of gun wipes made by Juniors to Camp Bowie.
Old garments to refugees in Belgium, 4,463.

Comforts and quilts, box towels, pillow slips, sheets, linens, etc., to suffers of Boyd cyclone.
Cost of above supplies to Decatur and auxiliaries alone, \$3,482.66.
The branches and their auxs. kept their own expense account.

MRS. J. H. CATES,
Director of Woman's Work.

Note of Thanks

We desire to express our sincere thanks to all our neighbors and friends for their kind words of love and sympathy during the brief illness and death of our dearly beloved husband and brother. Their kindly ministrations will not be forgotten.

MRS. IDA HAMMACK, wife.
MRS. ALICE SCOOT, sister.

METHODIST CHURCH

Come to Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Supt. Gose will make it interesting for you. "The League of Intercession" will be the subject at 11 o'clock. The evening service will begin at 7 o'clock. Come and worship with us.
J. P. LUTON, Pastor.

MEAT INCREASE AT TIME NEEDED

Producers Responded Nobly When Demand Was Shown to Them.

CATTLE AND HOG FIGURES.

Government Justified in Pork Policy Which Now Provides Chief Supply to Meet Three Billion Pound Fat Shortage.

In line with the general plan of conservation formulated by the U. S. Food Administration immediately following the entrance of the United States into the war the contribution made by the meat producers of this country to the war program is of particular significance, as it demonstrates the hearty co-operation accorded the Food Administration by the meat producers of the country.

According to reports of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, there was an increase in cattle of 10,238,000 head and 12,441,000 hogs, these figures compiled to January 1 last. In the same period there was a decrease of \$19,000 head of sheep, but indications are this decrease will show an increase following the latest reports.

Since January 1 unofficial information indicates an increase in hogs of not less than eight per cent, and not more than fifteen per cent, compared with one year ago, with an increase in average weight.

Following the request of the Food Administration for increase in hog production for the fall of 1918 and the spring of 1919 the increase may yield not less than 1,000,000,000 pounds more of pork products than were available last year. Without this increase the shipping program arranged by Mr. Hoover regarding animal food products would have been impossible.

The dressed hog products during the three months ending September 30, 1917, amounted to 903,172,000 pounds, while for the same months of 1918 the production was 1,274,589,000 pounds, an increase of over 374,000,000 pounds for the quarter.

During the same period in 1917 inspected slaughter records of dressed beef showed 1,233,000,000 pounds as against 1,454,000,000 pounds for the three month period ending September 1, this year.

We must increase our meat shipments, especially our pork products, to meet the added demands of the millions liberated from German oppression. And at the same time we must look forward to the rehabilitation of the European meat herds. The policy which guided our meat program in the past year has been fully justified, for only the heavy pork production which it has brought about will enable us even partly to satisfy the increased demands on us for the coming year.

There will be a world shortage in fats, and it is to the United States that Europe must look to supply its deficiency. At the same time there will continue to be heavy demands for beef. Owing to the limited refrigeration shipping capacity European imports of beef for some time will be limited. The United States, Australia and Argentina will be able to maintain a supply that will keep all available freezer vessels operating at capacity.

America's Pledge to the Allies When Their Lines Were Breaking

America will send the food, whatever needs for victory. They believed, they stood fast and with our men they carried on—to victory.

THE TEST NOW FULFILLED

This government is nothing more than the expression of the people, and if we are to win the war it will be only because every man, woman and child charges himself daily and hourly with the test, does this or that contribute to win the war?—Herbert Hoover, April 18, 1918.

With the solemn obligation of providing that "margin" of food that would safeguard against starvation our friends in Europe the housewife and the consumer have learned hitherto to ignore and unsuspected things about food, have absorbed a whole "college education" in food values, food handling, buying and substituting that they will not want to forget.

Our voluntary food-saving not only saved the Allies and made vital contribution to the winning of the war, but saved to ourselves in administration expenses the outlay out of our own pockets that any effective system of rationing would have extracted. It would have cost us about \$45,000,000 to have policed ourselves as against the 2 cents per capita for co-operating.

By saving and sharing America kept the world together during the war crisis. By saving and sharing America will help to bring the healing of nations.

America's food Saving saves starving people

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CITY ORDINANCE

An ordinance defining and declaring the exhibition of any billiard table, pool table, pin alley or any ball alley for hire, revenue, fees or gain of any kind, within 200 yards of a place where a student resides or within 200 yards of any public place where students resort for the purpose of religious worship, business or amusement within the city limits of the city of Decatur, Texas, to be a public nuisance, prohibiting the same and making it a misdemeanor, prescribing a penalty and making each day of violation a separate offense.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Decatur, Texas:—

SECTION 1. On account of the high moral standard maintained, and the large student population of the city of Decatur, Texas, the prohibition of any billiard table, pool table, pin alley or ball alley, for hire, revenue, fees or gain of any kind, within 200 yards of any public place where a student resides, or within 200 yards of any public place where students resort for the purpose of religious worship, business or amusement, within the city limits of Decatur, Texas, is detrimental to the public good, against public morals and against public policy, and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, made unlawful and prohibited.

SECTION 2. Any person who shall exhibit a pool table, billiard table, pin alley, ball alley for hire, revenue, fees or gain of any kind within 200 yards of any public place where a student resides within the city limits of the city of Decatur, Texas, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

SECTION 3. Any person who shall exhibit a pool table, billiard table, pin alley or ball alley of any kind, within two hundred yards of any place where students resort for the purpose of religious worship, business or amusement, within the city limits of the city of Decatur, Texas, shall be deemed of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

SECTION 4. Each day any provision of this ordinance is violated will constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication, and the rule requiring proposed ordinances to be read on three several days is suspended, and said ordinance is now placed on its third and final reading because an emergency exists requiring the immediate protection of the morals of the many students attending school here.

Approved this, the 8th day of Nov. A. D. 1918.—A. C. BENNETT, Mayor of Decatur, Texas.

Attest: R. L. THOMPSON, City secretary of Decatur.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any firm, person or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.—Collins & Smith, Publishers.

An egg-nogless Christmas!

Wonder what Teddy thinks of that Pershing boom?

Turn the ex-kaiser over to England and France!

Now, for get-together efforts for Delightful Decatur and Wonderful Wise!

O, mighty Caesar! Dost thou lie so low? Are all thy conquests shrunk to this little measure?—Shakespeare.

It turned out that Gott had no interest in the firm headed by the fellow who once upon a time was a kaiser.

After a young man succeeds in printing one kiss upon a girl's lips, it's an easy matter to run off a large edition, states Geo. Bailey.

Millionaires are being turned out daily up Burkburnett way. The wheel is also turning out a well selected bunch of the bent and broke class.

A depraved Denton publisher has stated that Decatur missed being a hot bed of influenza epidemic on account of the town being behind the times. Wrong, brother; Decatur, being in the select class, is under the watchful eye of the Great Protector.

Our friend, Col. R. M. Johnston, editor of the Houston Post, senator, successful business man, and for more than twenty-five years a leader in the democratic party, is in bad repute with Editor Whitehead of the Chico, Wise county, Texas, Review.

An auditing committee has been solicited by the grandjury in its final report. Judge McKensie is asked to appoint a committee to go over the accounts of all officers of the county, from justice to judge. This is done in most all the counties in the state.

Judge Dennis Paschall goes about the work of county judge like an old hand. The people of Wise county have in this man a man of, by and for the people. He is a practical business man, and carries the know-how into all dealings in his office.

And another thing, those big gravel wagons, belonging to the county, that have braved the weather for many months near where they were unloaded from the flatcar, can be put in operation when work on the Meridian Highway is started. Put 'em to work.

President Wilson has told congress to forget past differences arising from the war, and all get behind the country. Not a bad suggestion for the Messenger to make to the people of the Wonderful County, who got peeved now and then because the government affairs were not conducted according to their rules of right. Get in the procession!

Messenger editors, along with a number of Texas editors, have been invited by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram to be its guests tomorrow at a banquet, at which Rev. Billy Sunday will talk. After the big feed Col. Wortham of the Star-Telegram will pilot the newspaper folks to the North Side coliseum, where reserved seats have been provided at the Sunday meeting. The Star-Telegram is one of the most progressive afternoon papers in the world, and we country editors appreciate its courtesy.

It appears from the commissioners' court records that the incoming commissioners' court will face a seriously impaired exchequer, and it is believed that very little progress can be made by the new commissioners until the till is replenished with tax money. The records, inherited by Judge Paschall and his court, show that the account of Mr. Tibbets, retiring commissioner, is overdrawn \$5,232.00; that of Mr. Blackwell, \$2,453.00; that of Mr. Slover, \$8,014.00. Outstanding warrants on

which interest is being paid, amount to \$17,000, with a number of claims unpaid, which will probably run up the amount to \$20,000. The new court will have to have the accounts fattened considerably before looked-for progress can be made.

A sentry on a lonely road leading back from the front heard the rattle of an approaching motor. Bringing his gun to port, he said, "Halt, who goes there?" And a voice came out of the darkness, "British ambulance, sir." "Pass, British ambulance!" A little while later the same noise of approach and the same question. This time the answer was, "Ambulance Francaise." "Pass, French ambulance," said the sentry. Silence. * * And then another approach. "Halt, who goes there?" "What the h— is the idea of stoppin' me like this? Got a load of sick men—" "Pass, American ambulance."

What will become of Jake Wolters and "My on My" now that the war is over. Couldn't Aunt Malinda down Houston, go up to Washington and see?—Chico Review. We met Jake Wolters in Fort Brown the day his command had been ordered to appear before the mustering-out officer. That was 'way long in the shank of the year 1899, after Geo. Dewey on sea, and Shafter, et al, on land, had sent students to the Spanish class in h—, and we asked what Jake was going to do, "since the war is over." He did—evidently, as he was soon reckoned one of the most successful and prominent men of the late. Why worry, Whitehead!

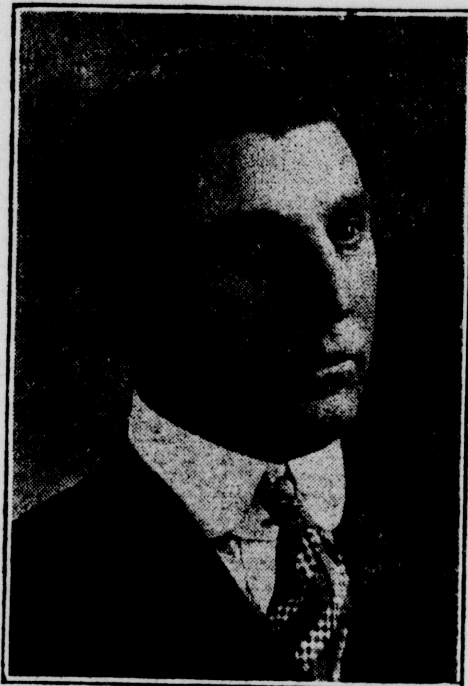
Messenger has contributed very substantially to the sum total of tons of free advertising matter for the federal government. Almost weekly this paper carries a number of articles for the government, free of cost, and the Messenger is just one of the thousands of publications that cheerfully opens its columns to the Washington authorities without price. Now, when the government took over the management of the railroads the first order issued by the new head cancelled all advertising contracts, by which the newspapermen went aboard trains without fear, and all mileage books were confiscated. The newspapers of the country have contributed their share, and then some, to prosecuting the winning of the war.

It is reported that Mr. Tibbets, ex-commissioner, has been appointed as right-of-way agent in this county, his duties being to secure the right of way through the county for the Meridian Highway. Messenger was under the impression that the right of way for this road had long since been secured. The money for the construction of the road has been voted and secured, and actual work on the highway will be started in a few days—and here comes the report that an agent has been appointed to secure right of way. And, say, by the way, some doubt is expressed by those in position to know, about the legality of a commissioners' court appointing one of its members to a position on a contract made by the court.

This story is going the rounds in Dallas. A beautiful society bud of the metropolis fell desperately in love with one of the dashing young military officers stationed near that city. He was good looking in his uniform, he talked well, and on certain occasions he would admit that he was the son of a wealthy eastern manufacturer. The girl's daddy boasted a fortune running six or seven figures high, thanks to the demand for fried fish cooked over drift wood fires which his father sold to traders along the banks of the Trinity when Dallas was an outpost in Texas. The girl in question, as stated, went daffy, and symptoms of nuttiness appeared, over the military man, and the said m. m. entertained visions of a life of ease and comfort on the proceeds daddy boasted. One day a telegram came from Washington stating that the cruel war was over, and the soldiers near Dallas were called to return to peaceful pursuits. The military man,

the idol of the rich daughter's heart, was among the discharged. He had sailed high and expended much of his monthly stipends in being the son of wealthy parents, and when he was turned back into the channel of civil life his pockets were depleted, or, in Greek, he was strapped to the low ebb of a slick dime. Three days after he was honorably discharged rich daughter, while visiting in Fort Worth, met her hero in the elevator at the Westbrook. He had discarded the uniform of a soldier and had donned the trappings of grill room straw boss. He had taken up his cue where grim visaged war had rudely interfered. Rich daughter's dream of a life in the U. S. embassy as the wife of the military attache vanished as the elevator boy growled "going up!"

SELF-MADE MAN IS THE NEW COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT



B. F. ROE

B. F. Roe, the newly-elected county superintendent, is a native of Hill county, but has resided near Decatur since 1883. He attended his first school in Thomas district, later graduating from Decatur high school, and attended Decatur college. He began teaching in 1891, and has since then taught some of the best schools in the county. During his teaching career he finished his education at the North Texas Normal, graduating at that school. He ran a good race for superintendent in 1914, being defeated by Mr. Trussell, but he has succeeded in his race this time, and is now devoting his entire time to the interest of Wise county schools. Roe is a self-made man, and deserves much credit in his achievement in educational lines. He is always affable, courteous and a true gentleman, and the Messenger believes that he will make one of the best superintendents Wise county has ever had. He is alive to the interest of the rural schools, and his experience has fitted him for excellent service in the office he holds.

INTEREST GROWING IN TEST WELLS IN WISE COUNTY.

Interest in the Bridgeport Oil Co. holdings is growing daily, and it is reported that all land holdings in the region were the first test well is being put down have run sky high in price. The well being drilled on the Bridgeport Oil Co. lease south of Bridgeport has been found to have a crook in it, and another well has been started. This will delay the "bringing in of a producer", state the believers in that field, about thirty days.

Experienced oil men from all sections of the country have visited the Bridgeport fields and they say that if surface indications count for anything, one of the richest fields in the country will be developed there. The acreage held by the Bridgeport Co., if the test well proves a good thing, will make shares run riot.

Operations for the drilling of a well on the Hoyl Oil & Gas Company's five acre lease at Burkburnett have begun. The contract calls for them to run day and night until the well is completed, so the stockholders will probably know by Christmas if they have an oil well as an Xmas present. It is reported that the Sun Company has a big well close by, which makes the management still more optimistic.

The Tex-Ark Oil Co. is the latest company in the Burkburnett field. The holdings are among the best in that section and the amount of stock to be sold should be snapped up in short order. Glen Russell, one of the best known bankers and business men is at the head of the new company, and associated with him are some of the most successful oil operators in the game.

S. M. Gose and John Scott of this city are reaping rich reward for their foresight and splendid business ability in dealing in Burkburnett leases. These hustlers have driven some of the best money-making propositions in the field.

Victory share-holders were notified Wednesday that a substantial dividend would be paid about December 20th. Several Decatur people hold shares in this company, which is considered one of the best in the Burkburnett field.

Report comes that the citizens of Chico are organizing a company to develop the field near that town.

Will Terrell, holder of shares in the Big Pool, is awaiting a fat dividend, which is due this week. One hundred per cent is what Will draws down. Other shares held by him are expected to take a boost in a short time. Will is one of the early birds in the game, and consequently is catching the worms.

Helen-Elizabeth share holders are swinging tight to their certificates, as great prospects are entertained for some killings in the market on this. Four and five for one has been paid in Decatur for H.-E. stock. Will Rush of the City National bank, has a substantial block of this good stock.

J. P. Blount of the Union Oil association, with headquarters in Fort Worth, announce that the company had made a location for a well on acreage in this county near the town of Cottondale. According to geologists who surveyed the territory, a profitable oil sand should be found at a depth of about 1,800 feet. The drilling contract which has been let calls for a 2,000 foot test unless oil in paying quantities should be found at a lesser depth.

Good wells are reported in near the Eagle.

The Eagle and Hoyl Oil have commenced drilling, and share-holders can expect good news along about Christmas time. Knowing ones say these wells are "bound to come in."

Riverdale stock went sky high the other day when it was reported that a two-thousand barrel well had been brought in. Telephone advice from the field denied the report, but said indications were the best.

SUGAR CURE FOR SAVING MEAT

The following recipe has been found to be a very satisfactory process for curing fresh meat:

For 1000 pounds of trimmed meat
Salt, 12 quarts.
Black pepper, 1 pound,
Saltpeter, 1 pound,
Sugar, 2 pounds.

Mix with warm water to a thick paste and rub on meat while meat is warm. Lay out to dry four weeks before hanging.

Howard Dodson, 21 years of age, and brother of Mr. C. P. Dodson of this city, died at Fortress Monroe, Va., November 29. The body was shipped to Sanger, the former home of the young man, for burial. The deceased was in an officers' training camp and was making rapid progress when he was taken sick with influenza. He was manager of the Sanger light company before entering the service of his country. Young Dodson has visited his brother in Decatur, and our citizens who had the pleasure of meeting him were impressed by his strong personality and manly appearance. He had numerous friends among the people who knew him.

District Engineer Conner of the state highway commission, met with the commissioners' court here last week while the court was trying to devise means to supplement the Meridian Highway fund to an amount sufficient to build the road. The court explained that the government engineer had mapped the proposed road, and said that it could be built for \$160,000, and that the district had, on that information, voted \$80,000 in bonds to meet the \$80,000 appropriated by the government, making a total of \$160,000. Under the new conditions it has developed that the road cannot be built for that amount, so, on the suggestion of Mr. Conner, Commissioners Splawn and Tibbets went to Austin and made application to the highway commission for \$25,000 additional money for the proposed road, and the amount was granted by the commission, with the assurance that additional funds could be secured if needed. This relieves the situation and assures the building of a highway which will mean much to Decatur and Wise county. Messrs Splawn and Tibbets are to be congratulated upon their success with the state commission.

Mrs. Henry Mason of Bridgeport, is visiting her parents here.

Mrs. Guinn Williams was on the sick list this week.

Miss May Hoyl of S. M. U., Dallas, spent Sunday here.

H. L. Jones was in Ft. Worth on business yesterday.

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LAWRENCE BOYD TELLS ABOUT LAST DAYS OF FIGHTING.

Somewhere in France, Nov. 11.—My Dear Home Folks: Do you see the date above? Then you know this letter of greeting and congratulations is being written on the last day of the great world's war. In forty five minutes all troop movements and fighting will cease. Sure this, by the time you will receive it, will be old news to you, but I could not think of writing a letter this morning without mentioning the close of the mammoth struggle. As I told Esther you all know how willingly I offered my services to the government, and I have tried to do the part assigned me in the same willing manner. But now that the crisis is past, I am full of eagerness to don civilian uniform again to fight the battles of life instead of the battles of death. Of course there will likely be garrison duty for some one to perform, and all units are wondering who will be chosen for the duty. But we must not be impatient if Uncle Sam sees proper to keep us in his service a few months longer. The main thing is, victory rests with the allies, and why worry about the near future?

I saw Grady Woodruff yesterday, and he is doing fine. Tomorrow I hope to secure permission to visit Hovey Young's company about nine miles away. He came through the fighting uninjured, at least divisional headquarters has no record of him being a casualty. Emory of the band is in a Paris hospital because of rheumatism, but a recent letter from him states that he will be back with us before long.

We are expecting to get the re-

mainder of our instruments in a few days. The boys who have instruments are playing regularly each day. Will be glad when I can have another horn of my own. Frank Ward received another letter from Grady yesterday, which was enjoyed by all of us. We sure do miss our old leader, yet we are glad he has the opportunity to climb higher. Frank and I are together more than ever it seems, since Grady left for school.

I would like to slip up on "Soury Boy" while he tells some of you of my being after the kaiser. It won't be long before I can tell him of how some one else secured his coveted "goat."

Now all of you must not fail to give my best wishes to my friends. With two exceptions I have written no one but my immediate family. So unless you mention me to them they will conclude I have forgotten them entirely.

We buried the Kaiser in effigy this morning. The band played, speeches were made, and the hour when the fighting ceased will long be remembered.

My love to all.

LAWRENCE BOYD.

See those thrilling episodes of the "House of Hate" at the Majestic on Saturday afternoon and night.

The Bowie high school team comes here Saturday for a game at 3:30 with the old scout team at the college. Bowie defeated Decatur at Bowie two weeks ago, but the locals believe they can even up the score here tomorrow. The game will be a good one.

COLLEGE NEWS

The second term of the 1918-19 session opened last Wednesday with an enrollment somewhat below that of the first term. This decrease is due to the number of men in the S. A. T. C. who will not be in school after the unit is demobilized.

The influenza situation is much improved. There are only one or two students unable to attend classes because of illness.

It has been announced that the S. A. T. C. unit at Decatur College, in common with every other unit in the United States, will be demobilized immediately. It is thought that the routine of demobilization will be completed and the men will be mustered out by December 21.

Beginning with this new term the college exercises will be conducted on the regular plan, which was extensively altered during and because of the existence of military rule in the school. Chapel will be resumed at 8:30 o'clock every morning, the society work will be taken up again, and the different religious services will again be held.

Quite a few of the students and several members of the faculty were among those who went to hear Billy Sunday last Friday night. It was indeed a happy time, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. Upon the arrival of the two cars at North Fort Worth the company unloaded itself and marched in double file to the coliseum. After the sermon, the crowd dispersed and later met at the station and spent the time coming home singing and indulging in all kinds of pranks. The time Decatur College went to hear Billy Sunday will long be remembered.

Tom Bobo and S. M. Gose, Jr., graduate with the close of the last term. These two young men were very popular during their stay in college, and it is with regret that the student body and, in particular, the senior class, bid them farewell. Mr. Gose has stated his intention of entering S. M. U. after Christmas.

The Orphans Four, recognized in national musical circles as the greatest male quartette now appearing in concert in the United States, will be the next company to appear on the college lyceum program. No music lovers should hesitate to avail themselves of this opportunity.

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An egg-nogless Christmas!

Wonder what Teddy thinks of that Pershing boom?

Turn the ex-kaiser over to England and France!

Now, for get-together efforts for Delightful Decatur and Wonderful Wise!

O, mighty Caesar! Dost thou lie so low? Are all thy conquests shrunk to this little measure?—Shakespeare.

It turned out that Gott had no interest in the firm headed by the fellow who once upon a time was a Kaiser.

After a young man succeeds in printing one kiss upon a girl's lips, it's an easy matter to run off a large edition, states Geo. Bailey.

Millionaires are being turned out daily up Burk Burnett way. The wheel is also turning out a well selected bunch of the bent and broke class.

A depraved Denton publisher has stated that Decatur missed being a hot bed of influenza epidemic on account of the town being behind the times. Wrong, brother; Decatur, being in the select class, is under the watchful eye of the Great Protector.

Our friend, Col. R. M. Johnston, editor of the Houston Post, senator, successful business man, and for more than twenty-five years a leader in the democratic party, is in bad repute with Editor Whitehead of the Chico, Wise county, Texas, Review.

An auditing committee has been solicited by the grand jury in its final report. Judge McKensie is asked to appoint a committee to go over the accounts of all officers of the county, from justice to judge. This is done in most all the counties in the state.

Judge Dennis Paschall goes about the work of county judge like an old hand. The people of Wise county have in this man a man of, by and for the people. He is a practical business man, and carries the know-how into all dealings in his office.

And another thing, those big gravel wagons, belonging to the county, that have braved the weather for many months near where they were unloaded from the flatcar, can be put in operation when work on the Meridian Highway is started. Put 'em to work.

President Wilson has told congress to forget past differences arising from the war, and all get behind the country. Not a bad suggestion for the Messenger to make to the people of the Wonderful County, who got peeved now and then because the government affairs were not conducted according to their rules of right. Get in the procession!

Messenger editors, along with a number of Texas editors, have been invited by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram to be its guests tomorrow at a banquet, at which Rev. Billy Sunday will talk. After the big feed Col. Wortham of the Star-Telegram will pilot the newspaper folks to the North Side coliseum, where reserved seats have been provided at the Sunday meeting. The Star-Telegram is one of the most progressive afternoon papers in the world, and we country editors appreciate its courtesy.

It appears from the commissioners' court records that the incoming commissioners' court will face a seriously impaired exchequer, and it is believed that very little progress can be made by the new commissioners until the till is replenished with tax money. The records, inherited by Judge Paschall and his court, show that the account of Mr. Tibbets, retiring commissioner, is overdrawn \$5,232.00; that of Mr. Blackwell, \$2,453.00; that of Mr. Slover, \$8,014.00. Outstanding warrants, on

which interest is being paid, amount to \$17,000, with a number of claims unpaid, which will probably run up the amount to \$20,000. The new court will have to have the accounts fattened considerably before looked-for progress can be made.

A sentry on a lonely road leading back from the front heard the rattle of an approaching motor. Bringing his gun to port, he said, "Halt, who goes there?" And a voice came out of the darkness, "British ambulance, sir." "Pass, British ambulance!" A little while later the same noise of approach and the same question. This time the answer was, "Ambulance Francaise." "Pass, French ambulance," said the sentry. Silence. * * And then another approach. "Halt, who goes there?" "What the h— is the idea of stoppin' me like this? Got a load of sick men—" "Pass, American ambulance."

What will become of Jake Wolters and "My on My" now that the war is over. Couldn't Aunt Malinda down Houston, go up to Washington and see?—Chico Review. We met Jake Wolters in Fort Brown the day his command had been ordered to appear before the mustering-out officer. That was way long in the shank of the year 1899, after Geo. Dewey on sea, and Shafter, et al, on land, had sent students to the Spanish class in h—, and we asked what Jake was going to do, "since the war is over." He did—evidently, as he was soon reckoned one of the most successful and prominent men of the late. Why worry, Whitehead!

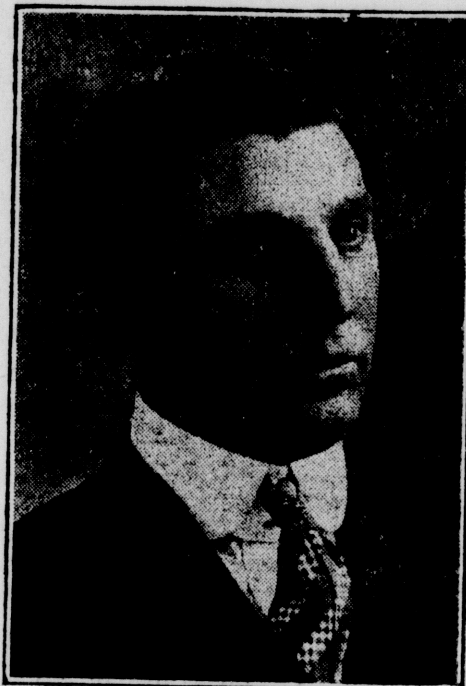
Messenger has contributed very substantially to the sum total of tons of free advertising matter for the federal government. Almost weekly this paper carries a number of articles for the government, free of cost, and the Messenger is just one of the thousands of publications that cheerfully opens its columns to the Washington authorities without price. Now, when the government took over the management of the railroads the first order issued by the new head cancelled all advertising contracts, by which the newspaperman went aboard trains without fear, and all mileage books were confiscated. The newspapers of the country have contributed their share, and then some, to prosecuting the winning of the war.

It is reported that Mr. Tibbets, ex-commissioner, has been appointed as right-of-way agent in this county, his duties being to secure the right of way through the county for the Meridian Highway. Messenger was under the impression that the right of way for this road had long since been secured. The money for the construction of the road has been voted and secured, and actual work on the highway will be started in a few days—and here comes the report that an agent has been appointed to secure right of way. And, say, by the way, some doubt is expressed by those in position to know, about the legality of a commissioners' court appointing one of its members to a position on a contract made by the court.

This story is going the rounds in Dallas. A beautiful society bud of the metropolis fell desperately in love with one of the dashing young military officers stationed near that city. He was good looking in his uniform, he talked well, and on certain occasions he would admit that he was the son of a wealthy eastern manufacturer. The girl's daddy boasted a fortune running six or seven figures high, thanks to the demand for fried fish cooked over drift wood fires which his father sold to traders along the banks of the Trinity when Dallas was an outpost in Texas. The girl in question, as stated, went daffy, and symptoms of nuttiness appeared, over the military man, and the said m. m. entertained visions of a life of ease and comfort on the proceeds daddy boasted. One day a telegram came from Washington stating that the cruel war was over, and the soldiers near Dallas were called to return to peaceful pursuits. The military man,

the idol of the rich daughter's heart, was among the discharged. He had sailed high and expended much of his monthly stipends in being the son of wealthy parents, and when he was turned back into the channel of civil life his pockets were depleted, or, in Greek, he was strapped to the low ebb of a slick dime. Three days after he was honorably discharged rich daughter, while visiting in Fort Worth, met her hero in the elevator at the Westbrook. He had discarded the uniform of a soldier and had donned the trappings of grill room straw boss. He had taken up his cue where grim visaged war had rudely interfered. Rich daughter's dream of a life in the U. S. embassy as the wife of the military attache vanished as the elevator boy growled "going up!"

SELF-MADE MAN IS THE NEW COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT



B. F. ROE

B. F. Roe, the newly-elected county superintendent, is a native of Hill county, but has resided near Decatur since 1883. He attended his first school in Thomas district, later graduating from Decatur high school, and attended Decatur college. He began teaching in 1891, and has since then taught some of the best schools in the county. During his teaching career he finished his education at the North Texas Normal, graduating at that school. He ran a good race for superintendent in 1914, being defeated by Mr. Trussell, but he has succeeded in his race this time, and is now devoting his entire time to the interest of Wise county schools. Roe is a self-made man, and deserves much credit in his achievement in educational lines. He is always affable, courteous and a true gentleman, and the Messenger believes that he will make one of the best superintendents Wise county has ever had. He is alive to the interest of the rural schools, and his experience has fitted him for excellent service in the office he holds.

INTEREST GROWING IN TEST WELLS IN WISE COUNTY.

Interest in the Bridgeport Oil Co. holdings is growing daily, and it is reported that all land holdings in the region were the first test well is being put down have run sky high in price. The well being drilled on the Bridgeport Oil Co. lease south of Bridgeport has been found to have a crook in it, and another well has been started. This will delay the "bringing in of a producer", state the believers in that field, about thirty days.

Experienced oil men from all sections of the country have visited the Bridgeport fields and they say that if surface indications count for anything, one of the richest fields in the country will be developed there. The acreage held by the Bridgeport Co., if the test well proves a good thing, will make shares run riot.

Operations for the drilling of a well on the Hoyl Oil & Gas Company's five acre lease at Burk Burnett have begun. The contract calls for them to run day and night until the well is completed, so the stockholders will probably know by Christmas if they have an oil well as an Xmas present. It is reported that the Sun Company has a big well close by, which makes the management still more optimistic.

The Tex-Ark Oil Co. is the latest company in the Burk Burnett field. The holdings are among the best in that section and the amount of stock to be sold should be snapped up in short order. Glen Russell, one of the best known bankers and business men is at the head of the new company, and associated with him are some of the most successful oil operators in the game.

S. M. Gose and John Scott of this city are reaping rich reward for their foresight and splendid business ability in dealing in Burk Burnett leases. These hustlers have driven some of the best money-making propositions in the field.

Victory share-holders were notified Wednesday that a substantial dividend would be paid about December 20th. Several Decatur people hold shares in this company, which is considered one of the best in the Burk Burnett field.

Report comes that the citizens of Chico are organizing a company to develop the field near that town.

Will Terrell, holder of shares in the Big Pool, is awaiting a fat dividend, which is due this week. One hundred per cent is what Will draws down. Other shares held by him are expected to take a boost in a short time. Will is one of the early birds in the game, and consequently is catching the worms.

Helen-Elizabeth share-holders are swinging tight to their certificates, as great prospects are entertained for some killings in the market on this. Four and five for one has been paid in Decatur for H.-E. stock. Will Rush of the City National bank, has a substantial block of this good stock.

J. P. Blount of the Union Oil association, with headquarters in Fort Worth, announce that the company had made a location for a well on acreage in this county near the town of Cottondale. According to geologists who surveyed the territory, a profitable oil sand should be found at a depth of about 1,800 feet. The drilling contract which has been let calls for a 2,000 foot test unless oil in paying quantities should be found at a lesser depth.

Good wells are reported in near the Eagle.

The Eagle and Hoyl Oil have commenced drilling, and share-holders can expect good news along about Christmas time. Knowing ones say these wells are "bound to come in."

Riverdale stock went sky high the other day when it was reported that a two-thousand barrel well had been brought in. Telephone advice from the field denied the report, but said indications were the best.

SUGAR CURE FOR SAVING MEAT

The following recipe has been found to be a very satisfactory process for curing fresh meat:

For 1000 pounds of trimmed meat
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Black pepper, 1 pound,
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Mix with warm water to a thick paste and rub on meat while meat is warm. Lay out to dry four weeks before hanging.

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District Engineer Conner of the state highway commission, met with the commissioners' court here last week while the court was trying to devise means to supplement the Meridian Highway fund to an amount sufficient to build the road. The court explained that the government engineer had mapped the proposed road, and said that it could be built for \$160,000, and that the district had, on that information, voted \$80,000 in bonds to meet the \$80,000 appropriated by the government, making a total of \$160,000. Under the new conditions it has developed that the road cannot be built for that amount, so, on the suggestion of Mr. Conner, Commissioners Splawn and Tibbets went to Austin and made application to the highway commission for \$25,000 additional money for the proposed road, and the amount was granted by the commission, with the assurance that additional funds could be secured if needed. This relieves the situation and assures the building of a highway which will mean much to Decatur and Wise county. Messrs Splawn and Tibbets are to be congratulated upon their success with the state commission.

Mrs. Henry Mason of Bridgeport, is visiting her parents here.

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LAWRENCE BOYD TELLS ABOUT LAST DAYS OF FIGHTING.

Somewhere in France, Nov. 11.—My Dear Home Folks: Do you see the date above? Then you know this letter of greeting and congratulations is being written on the last day of the great world's war. In forty five minutes all troop movements and fighting will cease. Sure this, by the time you will receive it, will be old news to you, but I could not think of writing a letter this morning without mentioning the close of the mammoth struggle. As I told Esther you all know how willingly I offered my services to the government, and I have tried to do the part assigned me in the same willing manner. But now that the crisis is past, I am full of eagerness to don civilian uniform again to fight the battles of life instead of the battles of death. Of course there will likely be garrison duty for some one to perform, and all units are wondering who will be chosen for the duty. But we must not be impatient if Uncle Sam sees proper to keep us in his service a few months longer. The main thing is, victory rests with the allies, and why worry about the near future?

I saw Grady Woodruff yesterday, and he is doing fine. Tomorrow I hope to secure permission to visit Hovey Young's company about nine miles away. He came through the fighting uninjured, at least divisional headquarters has no record of him being a casualty. Emery of the band is in a Paris hospital because of rheumatism, but a recent letter from him states that he will be back with us before long.

We are expecting to get the remainder of our instruments in a few days. The boys who have instruments are playing regularly each day. Will be glad when I can have another horn of my own. Frank Ward received another letter from Grady yesterday, which was enjoyed by all of us. We sure do miss our old leader, yet we are glad he has the opportunity to climb higher. Frank and I are together more than ever it seems, since Grady left for school.

I would like to slip up on "Sonny Boy" while he tells some of you of my being after the kaiser. It won't be long before I can tell him of how some one else secured his coveted "goat."

Now all of you must not fail to give my best wishes to my friends. With two exceptions I have written no one but my immediate family. So unless you mention me to them they will conclude I have forgotten them entirely.

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COLLEGE NEWS

The second term of the 1918-19 session opened last Wednesday with an enrollment somewhat below that of the first term. This decrease is due to the number of men in the S. A. T. C. who will not be in school after the unit is demobilized.

The influenza situation is much improved. There are only one or two students unable to attend classes because of illness.

It has been announced that the S. A. T. C. unit at Decatur College, in common with every other unit in the United States, will be demobilized immediately. It is thought that the routine of demobilization will be completed and the men will be mustered out by December 21.

Beginning with this new term the college exercises will be conducted on the regular plan, which was extensively altered during and because of the existence of military rule in the school. Chapel will be resumed at 8:30 o'clock every morning, the society work will be taken up again, and the different religious services will again be held.

Quite a few of the students and several members of the faculty were among those who went to hear Billy Sunday last Friday night. It was indeed a happy time, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. Upon the arrival of the two cars at North Fort Worth the company unloaded itself and marched in double file to the coliseum. After the sermon, the crowd dispersed and later met at the station and spent the time coming home singing and indulging in all kinds of pranks. The time Decatur College went to hear Billy Sunday will long be remembered.

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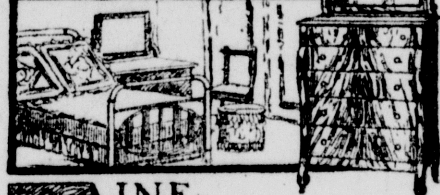
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THE WAR IS NOT OVER

THE COUNTRY NEEDS ITS PATRIOTS NOW
MORE THAN EVER BEFORE

Because several essential matters have yet to be attended to. For one thing we have not yet made peace with Germany, and there is no telling what amount of police work may have to be done. Germany has no proper government, and revolution and opposition may be met with at any time. An army of over two million men and about a million men belonging to our sea forces have to be paid, fed, transported and then returned home. Enormous government contracts for supplies cannot be repudiated, but the goods must be paid for in full. Our great ship-building activities designed to make us at least the second greatest carrying power in the world must be carried out at a cost of many millions of dollars, to the ultimate advantage of every business man in this country. Our allies, if they need money, must have it.

To draw back now and to refuse to spend money would be to place ourselves in the position of a business man who having sunk an enormous amount of capital and effort in a business, quits just at that moment when the business is on its feet and is about to pay dividends.

HOW THE GOVERNMENT WORKS.

It is really not a question of whether or not we desire to spend more money—we MUST do it. A word of explanation as to the manner in which the United States Government collects and spends money will make this matter perfectly clear. When the war started, the Government contracted for goods to the value of many hundreds of millions of dollars without having the money to pay for the goods. The Government then borrowed from the banks on Short Term Certificates of Indebtedness the necessary money to keep matters going and then repaid the banks out of the First Liberty Loan. This method of finance has been maintained ever since; the Government always being in debt. It is a fact that nearly all of the Fourth Liberty Loan money has already been spent and very soon the Government will be spending the money which you must supply in the shape of subscriptions to the Fifth Liberty Loan.

GOOD TIMES COMING.

We hope, and with good reason, that after the close of the war, we shall find ourselves with an enormous international bank account, with the people of Europe owing us possibly five hundred million dollars yearly in interest alone on our Loans to them, that we shall find ourselves with a magnificent merchant fleet which will carry our goods promptly and cheaply to every part of the world, and that the demand for our manufactured products will be so great that we shall have an era of prosperity unknown in the history of the nation. It takes capital to conduct business and now is the time for every sensible business man to put by money for use during that period of activity and prosperity that we look forward to in the near future.

PATRIOTISM AND GOOD SENSE.

There is no better way of taking care of this money than by investing in Liberty Bonds. Every dollar so placed is a splendid investment and the placing of it constitutes an act of the truest patriotism.

THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT OF ALL.

Is the fact that all of our sacrifices, including those of our noble dead in France will have been in vain unless we finish the task which we have undertaken. We have poured out our blood and treasure in order that we may ensure to ourselves and the world freedom, democracy and happiness. Having won the right to institute these principles on a world wide basis, shall we now draw back at the very moment when our object is within our grasp? It is unthinkable.

READ WHAT THESE MEN SAY.

These men representative of what is best in the business life of the community.

Hon. W. P. Hobby,

Governor State of Texas.

"I am apprehensive that the citizens of this State might overlook their present and future obligations to the Government incident to victory. It is hoped that holders of Liberty Bonds will not place them immediately on the market, but that they will continue the conduct of their business affairs on a war basis holding themselves in readiness to further finance the Government and to refrain from doing any act which might impair the value of outstanding Government securities."

Jas Callan,

President of the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas,
Menard, Texas.

"The country is not restored to normal conditions by the signing of the Armistice, nor is the drouth-stricken area restored to normal by reason of recent rains. The people should be implored to preserve their patriotism, economy and industrial endeavors to the end of supporting our Government and themselves."

Hon. W. P. Hunt,

Governor of Arizona.

"The people of this State and elsewhere will speedily come to a realization that the sacrifices the allies have made will be unavailing unless the reconstruction is in accordance with true democratic principles. Those principles necessitate a direct responsibility by every individual in the Government, a responsibility which can only be met by continued retrenchment including the holding of all war securities, foregoing luxuries until every soldier has returned to his home and above all it is necessary to maintain production wherever possible and to convert war industries into normal peace activities. The sacrifices that have been made must not be followed by domestic chaos."

Hon. R. L. Williams,

Governor State of Oklahoma.

"Citizens must not make the mistake of thinking the war is over. Remaining tasks of the war—demobilizing of armies and returning to normal industries of millions of soldiers and laborers in war factories—demand patriotic co-operation from every citizen. Additional Loans are to be floated. It is unpatriotic now to throw bonds on the market needlessly. The next few months of effort will be the real test of patriotism. Real patriots will obey the requests of their Government leaders just as cheerfully as they obeyed them a year ago."

Senator Morris Sheppard,

Washington.

"Absolutely essential that it be everywhere understood that sacrifices and restrictions are needed to keep the Government properly financed and our soldiers clothed and fed. Any attempt at this time to throw off all restrictions and resume normal conditions might have serious effect on our entire economic and business foundations and fatally impair our ability to make certain the glorious fruits of our great struggle for human Liberty."

Hon. R. G. Pleasant,

Governor of Louisiana.

"It is incumbent upon us as alert citizens and lovers of liberty and national stability to uphold the Government financially and in every other way just as we did during the active period of the war. There should be no heavy dumping of Liberty Bonds upon the market nor plunging in any manner along business lines. Let our people be conservative, careful and frugal, that we may be prepared to meet any eventualities."

SUGAR TESTED MORAL FIBER

Doubtless Declared Saving Staples Would Be Easy Compared With Sacrificing Luxuries.

FIGURES SHOW RESULTS.

Americans Demonstrated Sturdy Support of War by Conserving for the Benefit of the Allies.

When figures began to show definitely that the people of the United States were actually reducing their consumption of foods needed abroad, the United States Food Administration was told that it was comparatively easy to bring about conservation of staple necessities, but that it would be far more difficult to accomplish an actual decrease in the use of luxuries. The doubters took sugar as an example, and declared that it would be practically impossible to bring our consumption of sugar down to a point that would meet only the food needs of the people.

Now that demands upon ocean tonnage will be lightened, European nations will be able to go farther afield for foodstuffs, and will no longer be entirely dependent for sugar upon North American supplies. With the stocks now in prospect, we will have sufficient sugar to place this country back upon normal consumption if the present short rations in Europe are not materially increased. If the European ration is to be materially increased over the present low amount it can be only through the American people's making it possible by continued restriction to a greater or less extent here.

The fact that the Food Administration has been able to relax the voluntary sugar ration is in itself proof that the ration of two pounds per person per month was generally observed throughout the country. This conservation allowed the Food Administration to build up a reserve, and to tide over the period of scarcity, until the new crops of Louisiana cane and beet sugar were ready for distribution.

The records of the Food Administration show that in July, August, September and October 1918, 995,000 tons were distributed. Normal consumption for that period is 1,500,000 tons. This shows a definite, concrete saving of over 500,000 tons. These figures apply to sugar consumed on the table, in the kitchen and in the various industries, and show conclusively that in the homes and public eating places of America, where 70 per cent. of all our sugar is consumed, the sugar consumption has been reduced by more than one-third.

In the four-month period beginning with July, this country normally uses 400,000 tons of sugar per month. Last July 260,000 tons entered into distribution. In August only 225,000 tons were distributed. In September the figures showed 279,000 tons, and then fell to 230,000 tons in October. There could be no more definite proof that the American people have given their loyal co-operation and support of the war.

AN AMERICAN HABIT THAT WAS EXPANDED.

Coming to the relief of the distressed is not a new sensation to us. Having sent shipments of food to the famine sufferers of India as offhandedly as the housewife hands out a cut of the loaf to the wayfarer, it seemed the most natural thing in the world to succor Belgium, to take on the feeding of a nation quite informally.

The test of peace is to summon for the healing of nations devotion equal to that given the tasks of war.

Save
that we may share
Save food

METHODS OF DEMOCRACY.

The extent to which the United States Food Administrator has relied on the voluntary support of the American people is shown by a statement made by the United States Food Administrator speaking before the Senate Agricultural Committee less than three months after this country entered the war. That he was justified in his implicit confidence in the strength of democracy has been clearly reflected by the measure of support we have lent the Allies.

"If democracy is worth anything," Mr. Hoover declared, "we can do these things by co-operation, by stimulation, by self-sacrifice, by the patriotic mobilization of the brains of this country. If it cannot be done in this manner it is better that we accept German domination and confess to failure of our political ideals, acquiesce in the superiority of the German conception and send for the Germans to instruct us in its use."



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Rev. D. L. Hamilton returned missionary from Brazil and at present teacher of French and Spanish in Decatur Baptist College, will preach both morning and evening at the First Baptist church next Sunday. Brother Hamilton is an able and interesting preacher and his messages will be a rare treat to all who hear him. The pastor is in Dallas in attendance upon the sessions of the Baptist state convention. Large crowds are expected to hear Bro. Hamilton next Sunday.

EARLAN J. MATTHEWS, Pastor



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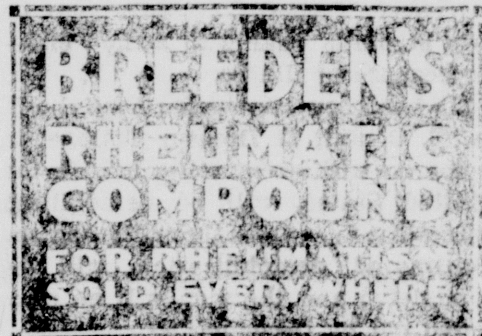
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SHERIFF'S SALE

The state of Texas, county of Wise.
By virtue of a certain execution issued out of the honorable county court of Wise county, on the 18 day of Nov., A. D. 1918, by J. E. Boyd, clerk of said court against M. W. Matthews for the sum of six hundred and seventy-one dollars and thirty-three cents, (\$671.33) and cost of suit, in cause No. 2091 in said court styled Mann & Co. versus M. W. Matthews and placed in my hands for service, I, J. Lee Mann as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 20 day of Nov., 1918, levy on certain real estate situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit:

All that undivided 1/2 to certain tract parcel or lot of land situated in Wise county, Texas, being block Nos. 12, 13, 14 and lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, block No. 5, Paradise, Texas, according to plat of old town. Also, 12 acres of land near Paradise, out of the Suppleveda survey described as follows: beginning at N. E. corner of a 3 1/2 acre tract decided by T. Burres to C. P. Jones, and by Jones to W. M. Morrell and Morrell to F. Z. Mershon, thence west to N. W. corner of said 3 1/2 acre tract continuing west a east line of a 50 acre tract of land decided by T. Burres to G. W. Thompson, by Thompson to W. H. Mershon, a rock for corner in east line of said 50 acre tract, said corner, thence south with said E. line to S. E. corner of said 50 acre tract said corner being on the N. line of the Bush survey, thence E. with said north line of Bush survey to the S. W. corner of a tract of land decided by T. Burres to H. H. Embury, to a rock set for corner, thence N. to the beginning. Above tracts or parcels being described in the deed records of Wise county, Texas, in volume 85, page 222, and levied upon as the property of said M. W. Matthews. And on Tuesday, the 7 day of January, 1919, at the court house door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said land at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of M. W. Matthews by virtue of said levy and said executive.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 20 day of Nov., 1918.—J. LEE MANN, Sheriff of Wise county, Texas.
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NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

NORTH BOUND SOUTH BOUND

Arrive at Decatur

No. 3, 11:17 a. m. No. 8, 5:06 a. m.

No. 7, 12:45 a. m. No. 4, 5:12 p. m.

Leave — Ft. Worth — Arrive

No. 3, 9:40 a. m. No. 8, 6:45 a. m.

No. 7, 11:05 p. m. No. 4, 6:45 p. m.

Amarillo

No. 3, 11:25 p. m. No. 8, 5:50 p. m.

No. 7, 6:00 p. m. No. 4, 5:45 p. m.

Arrive — Denver — Leave

No. 7, 7:00 a. m. No. 8, 11:30 p. m.

Mr. Ben Brewton visited in Fort

Worth.

Bert Milligan is here from Fort

Worth.

Walter Dyer was in Dallas Wed-

nesday.

E. B. Melton has returned from

Georgia.

Burk Christal was here this week

from Profit.

Miss Lela Mann is here on a visit

from Paducah.

Mrs. P. J. Fullingim was a Dallas

visitor this week.

Prof. S. D. Handley was here from

Rhine Saturday.

Gus Hughes returned from a trip

to Arkansas points.

John Morris of Fort Worth was

here several days.

Car Saginaw Michigan Salt at the

W. L. DALLAS Gro.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Greer were in

Fort Worth Tuesday.

Little Alfred Rankin is here this

week from the oil fields.

Rev. H. J. Matthews is attending a

Baptist meeting in Dallas.

Col. Wolf Cohen was in Bridge-

port Wednesday on business.

The grand jury finished its work

last Saturday and adjourned.

Roy Heathington left for Wichita

Falls Monday night on business.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Pat-

erson, on Sunday, Dec. 1, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mur-

phree, on Monday, Dec. 2, a son.

Master Edmond Gibson entertained

a case of influenza the past week.

Buck Collins, of the First State

bank force, has been laid up with

the flu.

Miss Marie Patterson has accepted

a position as cashier at the Dallas

grocery.

Dean Walter Splawn of Baylor

College, at Belton, spent several

days here.

Buck Harvey of Slidell, died last

Wednesday. He is survived by a

wife and two children.

Cicero Gettys left Wednesday for

Little Rock, Ark., in the interest

of the Tex-Ark Oil Co.

Several from Decatur attended the

minstrel show in Rhine, given by

local talent of that town.

Mrs. Charley Bingham died at her

home in Bridgeport Thursday morn-

ing after a short illness.

City Marshal W. B. Evans has

moved his office into the tax assess-

or's office in the court-house.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Shoemaker

of Fort Worth were visiting friends

and relatives here.

Guy Woods of Paradise, died last

Friday of pneumonia. He is sur-

vived by a wife and five children.

R. L. Thompson, Floyd Helm, C.

Milligan and Guinn Williams are in

Waco attending the Masonic Grand

lodges.

Judge McKinsey last Monday ad-

journd district court for the week.

Court will convene again next Mon-

day morning.

Mrs. Newt Dodd died at her home

at Paradise on Thursday night of

last week. She leaves a husband

and five children.

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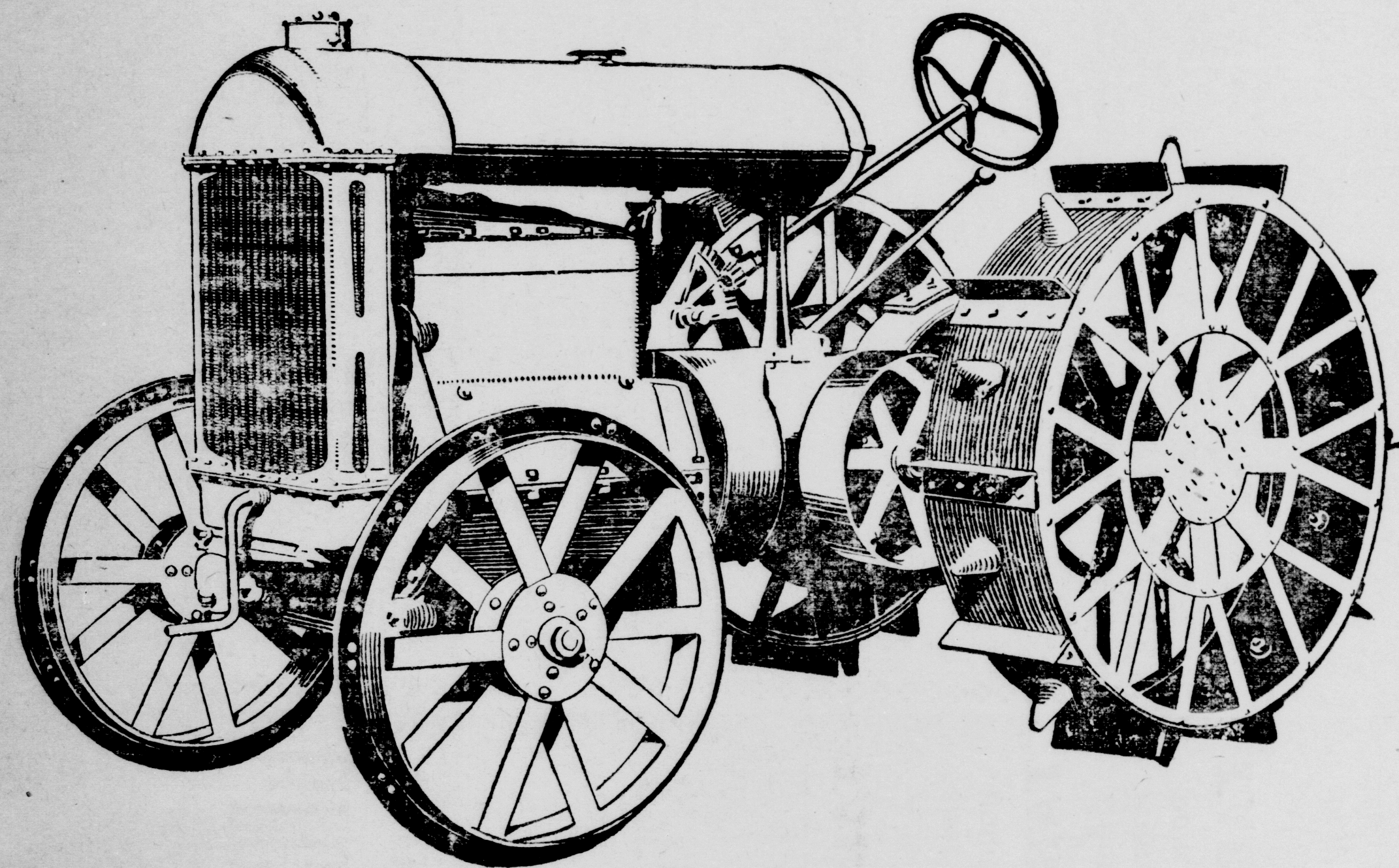
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